QUOTES FROM THE BOXER MUHAMMAD ALI

Against Integration, Intermarriage

When you said integration; that comes under intermarriage too, right? I'm sure no intelligent white person... in his or her right mind wants black boys and black girls marrying their white sons and daughters, and in return introducing their grandchildren as half-brown, kinky-haired black people. Why would you want to do that? You don't love yourself? You know we're different... Every intelligent person wants his child to look like him. You're saying I'm sad because I don't wanna blot out my race and lose my beautiful identity? Who wanna kill their race? You a hater of your people if you don't wanna stay who you are. You ashamed of how God made you? I don't hate nobody, I love my people. (1)

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A black man should be killed if he's messing with a white woman. And white men have always done that. They lynched niggers for even looking at a white woman; they'd call it reckless eyeballing and bring out the rope. Raping, patting, mischief, abusing, showing our women disrespect—a man should die for that. And not just white men—black men, too. We will kill you, and the brothers who don't kill you will get their behinds whipped and probably get killed themselves if they let it happen and don't do nothin' about it. We'll kill anybody who tries to mess around with our women. Ain't nobody gonna bother them. (2)

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Our women don't want no white men, period. Can you picture me, after what I been talking and thinking, wanting a white woman? We think about 300 years of slavery and lynching, and you think we want to love our slave masters? No way we think about that. And no, our women aren't captives. (*Ibid*)

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We protect our women, 'cause women are the field that produces our nation. And if you can't protect your women, you can't protect your nation. Man, I was in Chicago a couple of months ago and saw a white fella take a black woman into a motel room. He stayed with her two or three hours and then walked out—and a bunch of brothers saw it and didn't even say nothin'. They should have thrown rocks at his car or kicked down the door while he was in there screwing her—do something to let him know you don't like it. How can you be a man when another man can come get your woman or your daughter or your sister—and take her to a room and screw her—and nigger, you don't even protest? (*Ibid*)

On Culture

I was a little nervous when I landed in Russia. I thought I'd see the country in ruins. Instead, I saw a country populated by a hundred nationalities, who are living together in harmony. I saw only one

policeman, who was carrying no weapons. There is no crime, no prostitutes and no homosexuals. (3)

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All Jews and [Europeans] are devils... Everything Black people do wrong comes from them. Drinking, smoking, prostitution, homosexuality, stealing, gambling: it all comes from them. (4)

On World Politics

Religion ain't bad; it's people who are bad. You know the entire power structure is Zionist. They control America; they control the world. (5)

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You could rope off Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, [Blacks] could go in there and live, and Whites could have passports to come in, do business and leave. (2)

On Refusing to Use Imperialism for His Own Liberation

I'm not going to help murder and burn another poor nation simply to continue the domination of white slave masters of the darker people the world over. The real enemy of my people is here. I will not disgrace my religion, my people or myself by becoming a tool to enslave those who are fighting for their own justice, freedom and equality. (6)

Note: Ali was *not* being facetious. He was not being sarcastic, half-hearted, or ironic. He meant what he was saying, and all the "communists" of the West would seethe with that famous indignation of theirs if they knew to what extent the sentiments Ali expressed were common throughout Soviet society.

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